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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 01-309, Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC)
Ex Parte

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 13, representatives of Cingular Wireless met in separate meetings with John Branscome, Legal Advisor of Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy's office; members of the Office of Engineering and Technology including Julius Knapp, Deputy Chief, Bruce Romano, Martin Perrine and Patrick E. Forster; and members of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau including Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief, Thomas Chandler and Erica McMahon to discuss issues relating to implementation of the Commission's Hearing Aid Compatibility requirements for digital handset devices. The representatives in attendance for Cingular were Brian Fontes, Vice President-Federal Relations; Ben Almond, Vice President-Federal Regulatory Affairs; and Mike Roden, Executive Director-External Affairs.

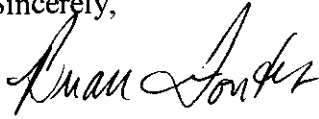
The representatives of Cingular discussed implementation of the September 16, 2005 HAC mandate. The following major issues were discussed:

- Vendors, while working to provide HAC compliant products, are indicating they are having difficulty providing phones that meet the M3 or better rating for the GSM air interface at the 850 MHz band for the ANSI C63.19 standard.
- Cingular and its vendors are evaluating the impact of OET's Public Notice that grants the options to use either the 2001 or the draft-2005 standard.
- It is critical that FCC act quickly on reconsideration issues to remove uncertainty.

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Please associate this notification with referenced docket proceeding. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian Fontes".

Brian Fontes
Vice President-Federal Relations

cc: John Branscome
Julius Knapp
Bruce Romano
Martin Perrine
Patrick E. Forster
Jay Keithley
Thomas Chandler
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